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SUBJECT: CHINESE OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT ON US TROOPS IN
KOREA

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1. SOCIALIST SOURCE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON
CHANG HSIANG-SHAN STATEMENT ON US TROOP WITHDRAWAL DURING
SECOND CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF. HE SAID WITHDRAWAL WAS
BROUGHT UP BY CHANG, WHO EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT IT DURING
INFORMAL CONVERSATION WHICH HE INITIATED WITH JSP DELS ON
SOVIET STRATEGY TOWARD EAST ASIA, NOT DURING DISCUSSION
OF KOREAN PROBLEMS. (SOURCE NOTED THAT, TO HIS SURPRISE,
CHINESE SIDE TURNED OUT TO BE UNINTERESTED IN ISSUING KIND
OF ROUTINE ANTI-ROK STATEMENT WHICH JSP DEL HAD COME
PREPARED TO MAKE.) CHANG REPORTEDLY COMMENTED TO EFFECT
THAT JAPAN AND CHINA SHOULD BOTH BE AWARE OF THREAT POSED
TO THEM BY SOVIETS, WHOSE "FAR EAST FLEET" WOULD HAVE
FREE USE OF SEAS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND HOKKAIDO IN WAKE OF
US WITHDRAWAL FROM ROK. SOURCE SAID CHANG EXPLAINED TO
HIM THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED ABOVE VIEWS AS "FRATERNAL
ADVICE."

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2. IN RELATING ABOVE DISCUSSION, SOURCE SAID HE HAD
IMPRESSION THAT CHANG'S OPINIONS WERE THOSE OF HIS
SUPERIORS, INASMUCH AS DURING ENTIRE FIVE-DAY VISIT
(SOURCE'S FOURTH) CHINESE SIDE HAD SHOWN UNIFORMITY OF
VIEWPOINT ON EVERY SUBJECT. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH
CHANG'S VIEWS WERE SUPPOSEDLY "PERSONAL" AND WERE GIVEN

IN PRIVATE, NOT OFFICIAL CONVERSATION, HE WAS FAIRLY
CERTAIN THAT THEY HAD OFFICIAL APPROVAL. MANSFIELD

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